

REMARKS

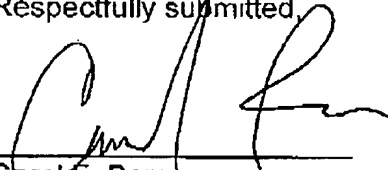
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Claims 1-12 are pending. Claims 13-20 are withdrawn. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) based upon us Patent No. 5,914,522 issued to Aiello et al. Aiello is directed to VIPower technology. The device is made from a chip of N-type semiconductor material comprising a bipolar or field-effect vertical power transistor. The power transistor has a collector or drain region in the N-type material. The semiconductor structure comprises a PNP bipolar lateral power transistor having a base region in the N-type material in common with the collector or drain region of the vertical power transistor.

Claim 1 is directed to an implantable medical device that includes "a semiconductor substrate; an epitaxial layer overlying the semiconductor substrate; a power transistor formed in the epitaxial layer having a first electrode, a control electrode, and a second electrode wherein a breakdown voltage of the power transistor is greater than 100 volts and wherein current flow of the transistor is vertical through the epitaxial layer to the semiconductor substrate; a backside contact coupling to the first electrode of the power transistor, at least one deep trench etched through the epitaxial layer exposing the semiconductor substrate wherein the at least one deep trench is etched in an area outside the high voltage termination region; and a first electrode contact region coupling to the semiconductor substrate exposed by the at least one deep trench, the first electrode contact region overlying the epitaxial layer. The United States Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO) admitted that Aiello does not disclose teach or suggest the limitation from claim 5, which was included in amended claim 1. Instead, the USPTO asserts that US Patent Publication No. 20030213605 by Brendel et al. teaches this element. Applicants created their invention before Brendel. Support for Applicants assertion is found in the attached affidavits, invention disclosure statement, and notes. Applicants also assert that the USPTO has not met its burden of establishing a motivation to combine references. In particular, Applicants assert that the USPTO used Applicants claims as a blue print and then merely used a limitation-by-limitation reference-by reference analysis to establish its obviousness rejection. The

Federal Circuit has rejected such analysis. Withdrawal of the instant rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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INVENTION DISCLOSURE FORM

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1.

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2. Title of Invention: Bumpable 1KV DMOS Device
3. Summary of the Invention: 1000V vertical mosfet, which is bumped, having a drain contact on the front surface of the die. Drain contact is made via a trench through the epi region down into the substrate. The mosfet obtains a low Rdson by having a high cell packing density, thus creating a multitude of current paths in parallel.
4. How have others addressed this problem (List and attach any patents, books, articles, devices, Medtronic or competitor's products, or other background materials you used or which may be prior art)? wire bond or other chip carriers
5. The invention is described on pages _____ of Lab Notebook No. _____ (Please attach copy).
See Medtronic Microelectronics Center Specification 3212963.
6. When was a device built which included the invention? Development is underway.
Who built it? Medtronic Microelectronics Center Where is it? 2343 W. 10th Place, Tempe, AZ 85281
Who has supporting documents? SST Organization has design rule flow and Wafer Fab has a Promis Process Flow
Who witnessed tests? _____ When and where? _____
7. Discuss the problems which the invention is designed to solve, referring to any prior devices of a similar nature with which you may be familiar. The invention provides a 1KV DMOS device which can be solder reflow attached to a circuit board. This invention eliminates the need for wirebondable devices.
8. State the advantages of the Invention over presently known devices, systems or processes. The invention provides a bumped, surface mountable 1KV DMOS device.
9. List all known and other possible uses for the invention. Other applicable high voltage device technologies
10. Specifically describe the invention and its operation. You may use and attach copies of sketches, prints, photographs and illustrations which should be signed, witnessed and dated. Use numbers and descriptive names in descriptions and drawings. See attached description and drawings
11. List all features of the invention that are believed to be novel. Etches in the <100> surface orientation to create a "trench" in the epitaxial silicon, allowing contact to the substrate-drain of the device (see Figure 1). A bumped 1KV DMOS vertical mosfet.
12. Sale or Publication (Needed to establish the date of any printed publication, public use or sale, since no U. S. patent application may be filed after one year from such date.)

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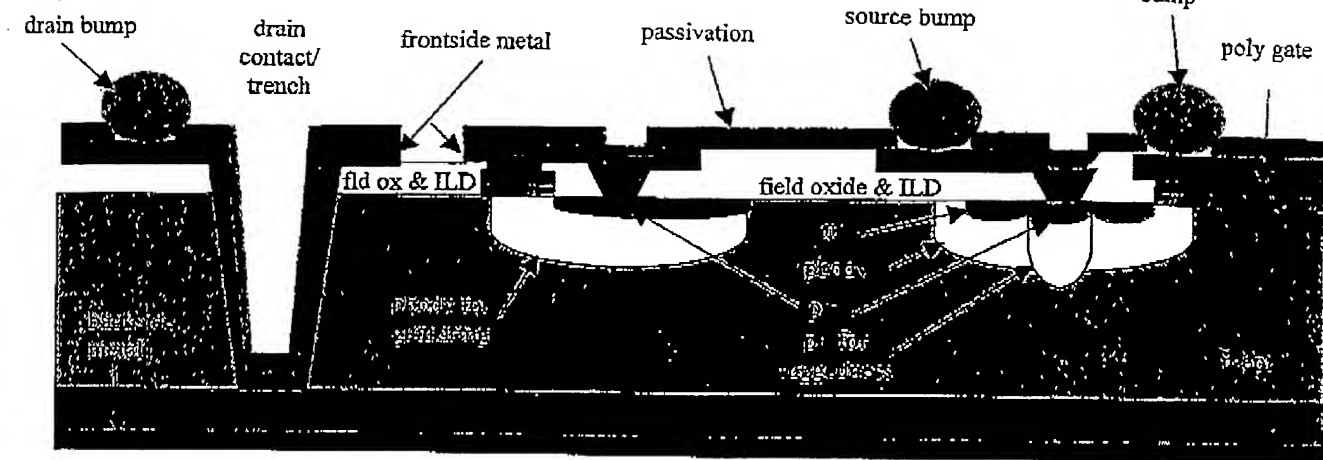
Bumpable 1KV DMOS Device

Figure 1 – Bumpable 1KV DMOS Device Simplified Cross Section

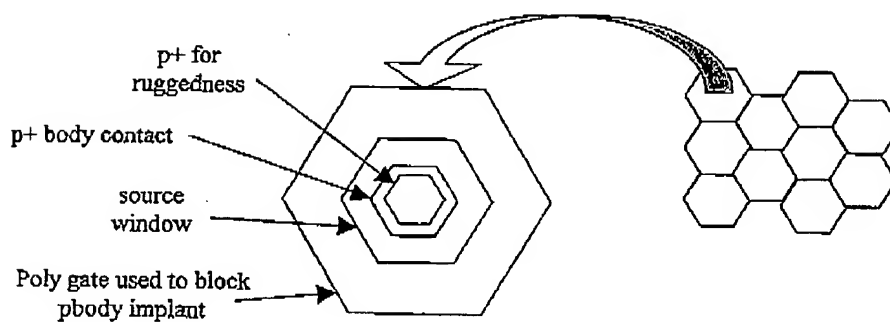


Figure 2 – Packing Density of the Hexagonal MOSFET Cell Construction with Expanded View of Layout Cell

DEVICE CLAIMS (General)

1. Trench etched in the $\langle 100 \rangle$ crystal orientation; Allows drain-substrate contact.
2. Centered Gate Bump allows a more consistent gate voltage across the die.
3. Metal on backside of wafer reduces $R_{ds(on)}$ of DMOS device.
4. Plurality of cells to maximize packing density of DMOS cells by using hexagonal cell construction.
5. Allows for smaller hybrid packaging area by eliminating the need for wire bonds and the space surrounding the die.
6. Field plates in the guardrings contact both metal and poly to alter the surface field potential.
7. Uses the patterned polysilicon as a blocking mask for the pbody implant.
8. For use in implantable medical devices.

Taken together we believe that the above claims, or subset, may be patentable.

DEVICE CLAIMS (Specific)

1. Device having a pbody diffusion junction depth between 6-9 μ m.
2. Device having a p+ junction extending slightly farther than the pbody diffusion for improved avalanche/ruggedness.
3. Device having a p+ source/drain implant overlapping the n+ source region for use as a body contact.
4. Device having a poly gate width between 19-22 μ m.
5. Device having a mosfet cell pitch between 30-40 μ m.
6. Device having a threshold voltage between 2 and 4 volts.
7. Device having an on state resistance ($R_{ds(on)}$) of less than approximately 0.8 micro-ohms/micron².
8. Device having the ability to hold off a minimum of 1000 volts drain to source.

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- a. If a device has been offered, or will be offered for sale, or used for profit or otherwise publicly disclosed, state when and to whom delivered and how used? n/a
- b. Has a printed description of this invention been made available to persons outside the company? How and when and was use restricted (e.g. licensing agreement, non-disclosure agreement, proprietary legends, etc.)?

Non-Disclosure Agreement

- Provided METAL and PAD data to facilitate manufacture of the bump stencil.
- Test wafer(s) were sent to facilitate verification of the bump stencil.
- Discussed bumping near the drain contact/trench.

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Manager's Comments

14. How is this invention important to your products, plans or goals?

FLIP CHIP HIGH POWER COMPONENTS ARE AN IMPORTANT
FEATURE FOR SIMPLIFYING THE HYBRID ASSEMBLY PROCESS.
HAVING ALL DIE BE SURFACE MOUNT FOR BOTH LOW VOLTAGE
AND HIGH VOLTAGE ON ONE HYBRID IS DESIRABLE.

15. Manager's Signature (REQUIRED)

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Business Unit CRM/IMC

Date

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\$STMox STRING F6-ASPEN




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